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IDEAL FURNITURE

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PRAIRIE GRASS OF AMERICA

A Novelty Superseding Rattan or Willow Ware
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Sanitary, Refreshing and Reasonable

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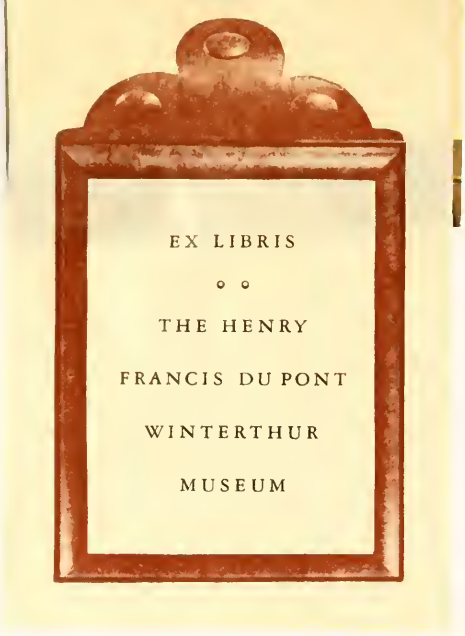
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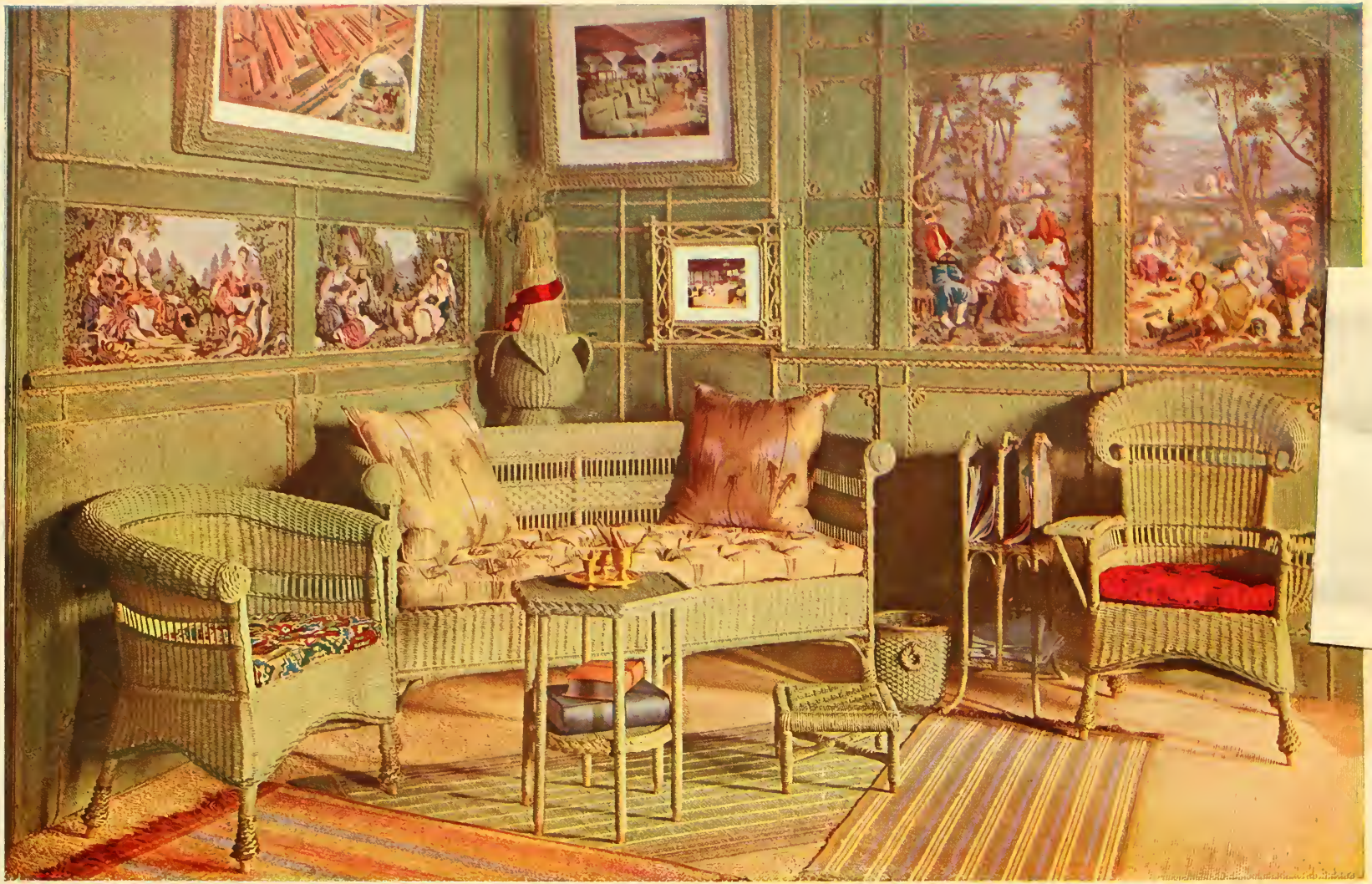

FROM THE PRAIRIES OF AMERICA TO THE HOMES OF THE WORLD

This is a direct photographic reproduction of an apartment furnished exclusively with *Wire Grass Products*, including the wall coverings, and floor mattings, as well as all the furniture.

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NOS. 1 TO 499, CHAIRS, (1-2 DENOTES ROCKERS).

No.		
1	Arm Chair	$11 50
1½	Arm Rocker	12 00
2	Large Arm Chair	12 00
2½	Large Arm Rocker	12 50
3	Arm Chair	12 00
3½	Arm Rocker	12 50
4	Large Arm Chair	11 50
4½	Large Arm Rocker	12 00
5	Large Arm Chair	11 50
5½	Large Arm Rocker	12 00
6	Arm Chair	10 00
6½	Arm Rocker	10 50
7	Arm Chair	10 50
7½	Arm Rocker	11 00
8	Arm Chair	9 50
8½	Arm Rocker	10 00
9	Arm Chair	10 00
9½	Arm Rocker	10 50
10	Arm Chair	10 00
10½	Arm Rocker	10 50
11	Rope Back Arm Chair	11 50
11½	Rope Back Arm Rocker	12 00
13	Arm Chair	10 00
13½	Arm Rocker	10 50
20	Large Arm Chair	11 50
20½	Large Arm Rocker	12 00
21	Arm Chair	10 50
21½	Arm Rocker	11 00
23	Arm Chair	9 75
23½	Arm Rocker	10 25
30	Arm Chair	12 00
30½	Arm Rocker	12 50
31	Ladies' Chair	7 00
31½	Ladies' Rocker	7 50
32½	" "	6 50
33½	" "	7 50
34½	" "	6 25
250	Large Arm Chair	16 50
251	" " "	16 50
252	" " "	15 00
253	" " "	15 00
254	" " "	11 00
255	" " "	12 00
256	Arm Chair	11 50
257	Large Arm Chair	11 00
257½	" " Rocker	11 50
259	" " Chair	10 25
260	Arm Chair	9 00

No.		
261	Arm Chair	$7 75
261½	Arm Rocker	8 25
262	Arm Chair	9 50
263	Reception Chair	7 50
264	"	7 50
265	"	7 25
266	"	6 25
266½	Reception Rocker	6 75
267	Reception Chair	6 50
267½	Reception Rocker	7 00
268	Reception Chair	3 75
269	"	3 75
270	"	3 75
271	"	4 00
271½	Reception Rocker	4 50
273	Reception Chair	5 50
273½	Reception Rocker	6 00
275	Arm Chair	12 25
276	Reception Chair	9 00
277	Arm Chair	9 00
278	"	10 00
300	Large Arm Chair	20 00
301	Arm Chair	10 50
301½	Arm Rocker	11 00
302	Swivel Office Chair	12 50
303	Hall Chair	8 75
304	Arm Chair	12 25
305	"	11 00
306	"	10 00
307	Large Arm Chair	15 00
309	" " "	12 00
311	Arm Chair	11 00
325	Corner Chair	6 50
330	Roman Chair	9 75
335	Morris Chair	16 50
350	No. 1 Roll Cabinet Chair (small)	4 00
351	" 2 " " " (large)	4 50
352	No. 1 Combination-Cabinet Chair (small)	3 00
353	" 2 " " " (large)	3 75
355	Child's High Chair	7 50
358	" " "	5 50
359	" " "	4 00
360	" Chair	4 75
360½	" Rocker	5 00
361	" Chair	3 25
361½	" Rocker	3 50
363	" Chair	3 25
363½	" Rocker	3 50

NOS. 500 TO 549, SETTEES.

No.		
503	Tete	$23 00
507	"	19 00
508	"	19 50
511	"	21 00
515	Parisian Tete	35 00
520	Tete	$20 00
524	Conversation Chair	19 50
530	Tete	21 00
554	"	17 50

NOS. 550 TO 599, LOUNGES, DAVENPORTS, &C.

No.		
560	Open Rope Lounge	$18 00
562	Drum Head Lounge, Box Seat	18 00
563	Close Woven Lounge	15 00
565	Davenport 6½'x2½'	50 00
567	Davenport 6'x2½'	48 00
568	Davenport 5'x2'	33 00
570	Divan	19 50
571	Hall Seat with Mirror	33 00
572	Window Seat	12 50
573	" "	10 50
574	" " with back	12 50
576	Close Woven Foot Rest	$8 75
580	Square Ottoman	4 25
581	Round Ottoman	4 75
582	Square Ottoman	4 50
583	" "	3 25
585	Rope Foot Stool	3 00
586	Box Foot Stool	3 00
590	Tabouret	3 50
591	"	3 00
593	"	3 75

NOS. 600 TO 649, TABLES.

No.			
600	24"	Tea Table	$5 25
601	24"	Tea Table with leaves	5 75
602	24"	Roll Tea Table	6 50
603	24"	Roll Tea Table with leaves	7 00
604	20"	Square Tea Table	$6 50
606	30"	Roll Tea Table	7 75
610	36"	Roll Tea Table	9 75

NOS. 650 TO 699, STANDS.

No.		
654	Music Stand (Folding)	$8 25
655	Harp Music Stand	8 50
657	Music Stand	7 50
658	Music Stand (Folding)	8 00
675	One Horn Flower Stand	$3 50
676	Three Horn Flower Stand	6 75
677	Flower Stand	2 50
678	Shell Flower Stand	6 00

NOS. 700 TO 724, JARDINIERES.

No.			
700	Jardiniere	per dozen,	$21 00
701	"	"	33 00
702	"	"	51 00
710	" and Stand	each,	5 25
711	Jardiniere and Stand	each,	$5 25
712	" "	"	6 00
713	" "	"	7 50

NOS. 725 TO 774, CRIBS AND BASSINETS.

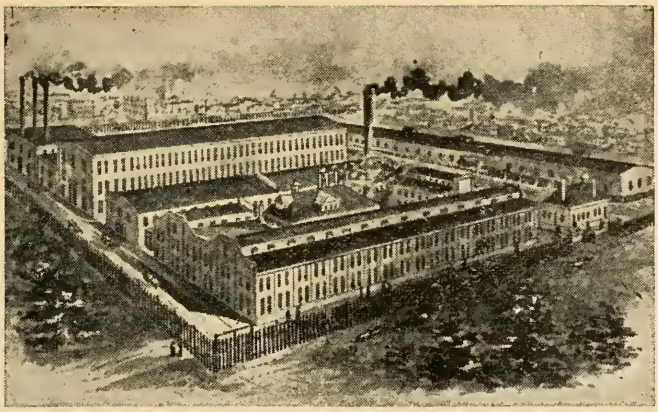
No.		
725	Bassinet and Stand	$13 50
750	Crib	18 00
751	Swinging Bassinet	$13 00

NOS. 775 TO 949, HAMPERS AND BASKETS.

No.		
775	Oval Hamper 14x22	$2 85
776	" " 16½x26	3 50
777	" " 19½x29	4 35
778	Round Hamper 14x22	2 75
779	" " 16x26	3 50
780	" " 18x29	4 25
781	Triangular Hamper 14x23	2 75
782	" " 16x26	3 50
783	" " 18x29	4 25
784	Square Hamper 14x16x23	3 40
785	" " 16x18x26	4 25
786	" " 18x20x29	5 00
790	Laundry Baskets	1 60
791	" "	2 30
792	" "	3 40
793	" "	4 25
794	" "	4 50
795	Arch Top Carriers 14x9x8	1 35
796	" " " 17x10½x10	1 75
797	" " " 19x12x13	2 20
798	" " " 23x16x15	2 90
800	Wood Basket, per doz (Each $2 50)	30 00
801	" " per doz (Each $3 35)	40 00
802	" " per doz (Each $3 75)	45 00
806	Dog Basket 15"	1 85
807	" " 20"	2 30
808	" " 25"	3 10
816	Fancy Scrap Basket ....per doz., (Each $1 50)	18 00
817	Fancy Scrap Basket ....per doz. (Each $1 75)	$21 00
818	" " " ....per doz (Each $1 35)	16 00
821	Fancy Rope Top Scrap Basket, 8" per doz. (Each $1 00)	12 00
822	Fancy Rope Top Scrap Basket, 9" per doz. (Each $1 25)	15 00
823	Fancy Rope Top Scrap Basket, 10" per doz. (Each $1 50)	18 00
825	Close Woven Office Basket, willow top, 8" per doz	7 20
826	Close Woven Office Basket, willow top, 9" per doz	9 00
827	Close Woven Office Basket, willow top, 10" per doz	11 00
828	Close Woven Office Basket, willow top, 11" per doz	14 00
830	Close Woven Office Basket, 8" reed top, per doz	7 80
831	Close Woven Office Basket, 9" reed top, per doz	9 60
832	Close Woven Office Basket, 10" reed top, per doz	11 40
833	Close Woven Office Basket, 11" reed top, per doz	14 40
900	Flower Basket	2 10
901	Dog Carrier (small)	3 50
902	Dog Carrier (large)	3 90

NOS. 950 TO 974, SCREENS.

No.		
950	Large Screen....each,	$37 50
951	Large Screen.... "	25 00
952	Fire Screen.... "	4 50
956	2-fold Screen.... "	10 50
968	4-fold Screen....each,	$5 00
969	3-fold Screen.... "	3 25
970	3-fold Screen.... "	2 50



Main Plant, St. Paul, Minn.

These new industries employ about 5000 people, $15,000,000 of capital, and comprise one of the largest industrial establishments of modern times.

A NEW DEPARTURE

WHAT IS MOST characteristic of this eager, pushing, progressive, pulsating twentieth century? It is the conversion of hitherto waste products into useful and artistic articles of general utility and durability. A leading American journal said editorially:

"One of the most notable applications of inventive genius, executive management, unlimited capital and tremendous energy to the creation of new industries out of hitherto waste products, has now culminated in practical success, but has been accomplished in less than three years. The whole affair is characteristic of American enterprise. It is of peculiar interest to the people of our own and other countries, because these industries manufacture staple and varied products, that are used in every human habitation, from the wire grass that is produced upon thousands of square miles of hitherto useless lands that occur in many sections on the American continent."

Furniture Works.

Works for Making all Kinds of Furniture, and other Household Articles from Wire Grass.

Harvesting Wire Grass with Self-Binders.

Over 50 machines are operated at once in a single field. To gather this indestructible fiber for furniture-making requires the largest harvesting operations anywhere in the world.

What is Prairie Grass Furniture?

It is made from wire grass (*Carex stricta.*)

This isn't a grass at all, as each blade makes one continuous solid fiber several feet long. Wire grass is so tough as to be quite indestructible, stock will not eat it, and no other plant thrives on thousands of square miles of prairie marshes in the northwest.

These vast areas of worthless lands produced only a useless pest, until the American Grass Twine Company perfected means of utilizing the wire grass. How they did it reads like a romance. Genius, capital, labor and experience co-operated to solve the problem, until now this most indestructible of fibers is converted directly into a pliable twine of great durability by mechanical processes that preserve unimpaired the wonderful strength of the wire grass as well as its lovely surface and unique soft, green color.

Wire grass twine is peculiarly adapted to the fabrication of furniture, baby carriages and household furnishings of all kinds. The products of this department of this great industry are sold by us.

The beautiful surface and delightful color of prairie grass furniture is an unapproachable blend of green, that bespeaks the divinity in nature. Its beauty is beyond comparison because peculiar to itself, and can be but faintly suggested by the color printing hereon.

Because of its distinctive color effect, wire grass furniture or wall coverings and mattings or rugs, blend with their surroundings into an artistic harmony. The artistic designs obtainable are quite the despair of workers in other materials. In strength and durability, furniture made from this indestructible fiber in its natural state far out-

Camp for Workers in Wire Grass Harvest.

More than 2000 men and horses are employed in the various camps during the harvest. Railroads built for the purpose connect the various camps, warehouses, etc.

A Wire Grass Warehouse.

Capacity, 5000 tons of baled grass. There are several of these vast storehouses. Whole trains are loaded or unloaded at one operation.

rivals anything of the kind heretofore known.

The comfort of wire grass furniture must be felt to be appreciated. It combines luxurious ease with smoothness and firmness that at once impress one with its remarkably lasting qualities.

Adaptable to all purposes, useful at all seasons.

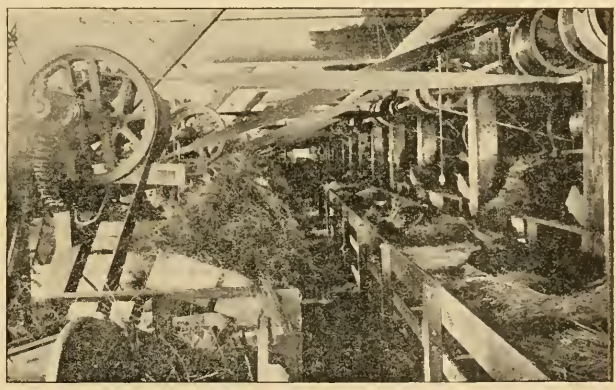
The sanitary excellence of these goods is beyond question. They cannot hold and will not accumulate germs, in this respect being unlike furniture made from any other material.

Above all, articles made from wire grass fiber are not expensive. Considering their merits they are by far the best and cheapest goods on the market.

A revolution in furnishing and in decoration is being caused by the use of this hitherto waste fiber from the prairies of America in the homes of the world. The grass twine industry as a whole is one of the newest and most important of modern industrial enterprises, employing millions of capital and thousands of workers at home and abroad, and is protected throughout by patents in all the leading countries of the globe.

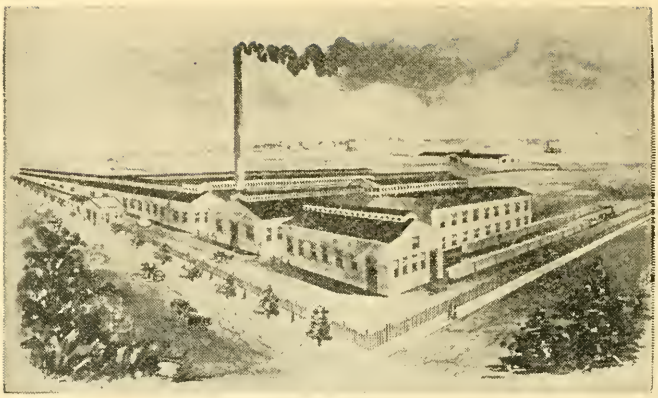
Prairie grass furniture is made in over three hundred original and novel styles and designs, in chairs, settees, tables, stands, tabourets, couches, lounges, divans, davenports, window seats, hall seats, baby carriages, go-carts, bassinets, music stands, flower stands, jardinieres, hampers and baskets of all kinds.

In color, beautiful.
In design, artistic.
In use, comfortable.
In durability, like iron.
Useful at all seasons.
Adapted to all places.
Sanitary in every respect.
In price, reasonable.



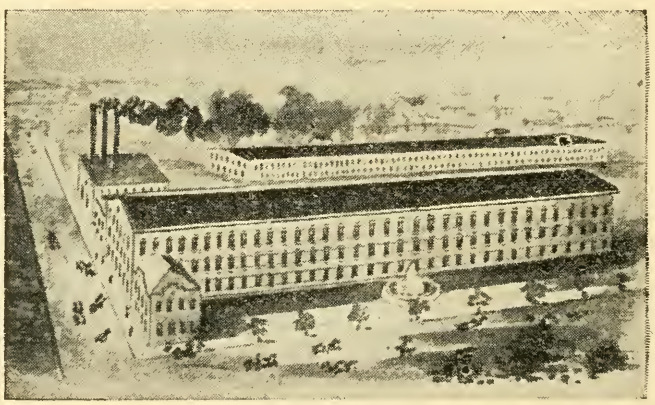
Spinning Wire Grass with Twine.

The mills for this purpose employ 3000 hands. See preceding and following pages for pictures of mills.



At Oshkosh, Wis.

The smoothness and finish of wire grass furniture is almost wonderful in its perfection. Furthermore, prairie grass furniture is adapted to all purposes and is useful at all seasons. It is the furnishing par excellence for spring, summer, autumn and winter, in all localities and under all conditions. Its delightful color and artistic excellence make it cool and inviting in warm weather, yet it also imparts such a warmth and harmonious effect whenever used in cool weather as to peculiarly adapt wire grass products for winter furnishing as well. Indeed, the popularity of wire grass furniture among many of the best families and in some of the most elegantly furnished homes in this and other countries, is largely due to its unique desirability for furnishing the winter home. For offices, clubs, halls and other interiors it is equally attractive at all seasons.



At West Superior, Wis.

The following catalogue shows in miniature nearly two hundred of our various designs. We can supply any or all of these at a moment's notice. We also manufacture special designs on order.

Factories for Manufacturing Wire Grass Twine out of which Prairie Grass Furniture is made.

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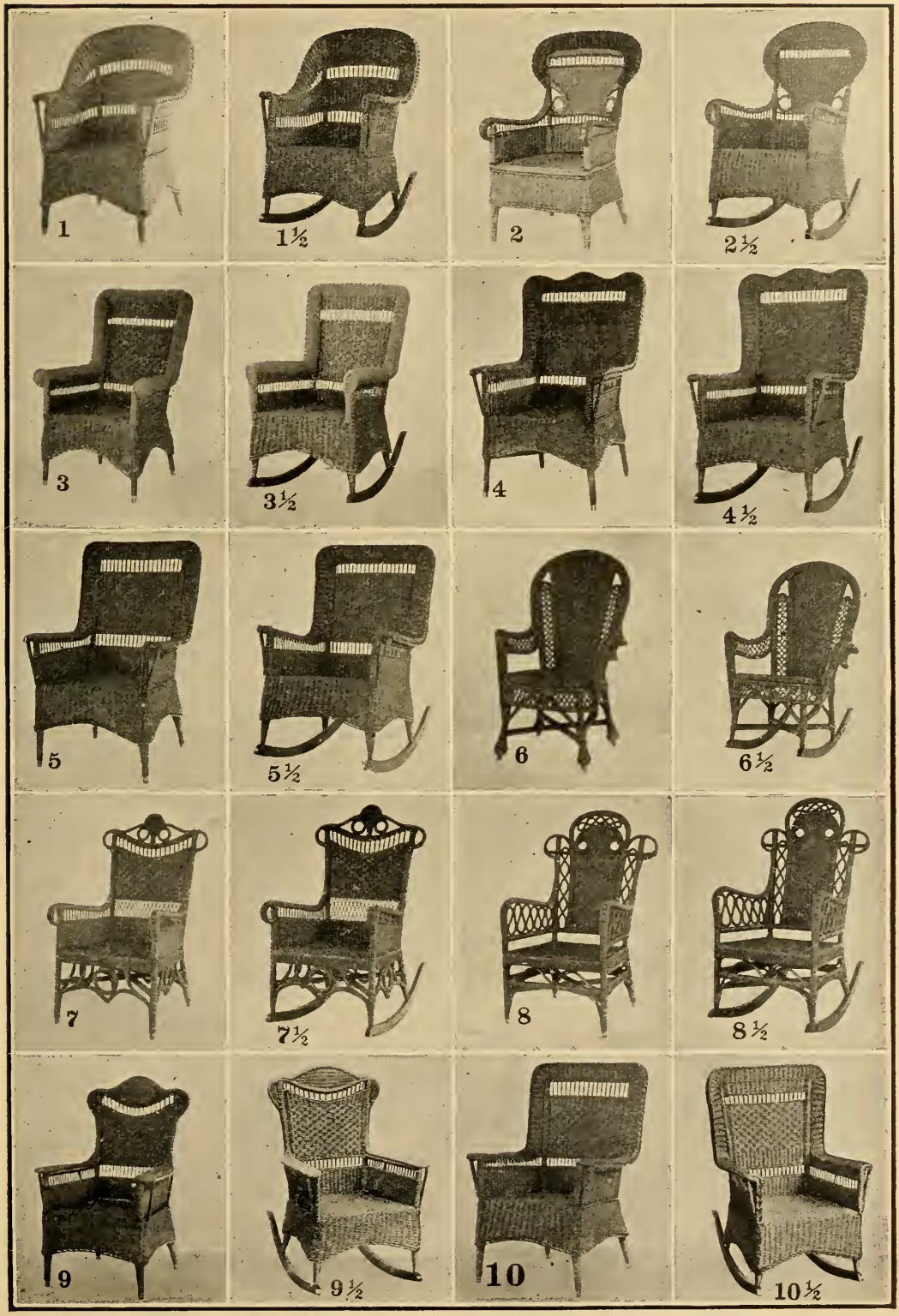

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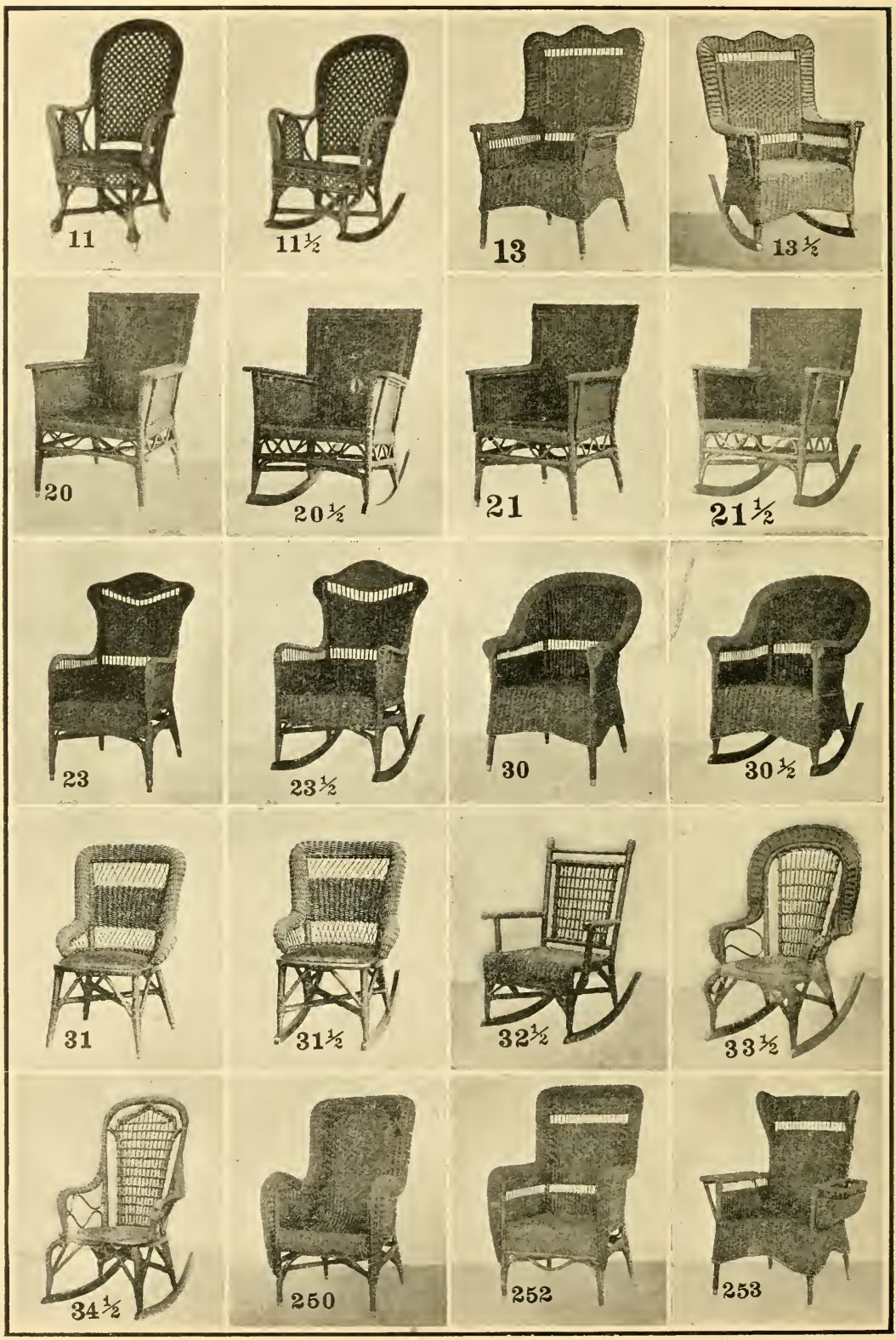

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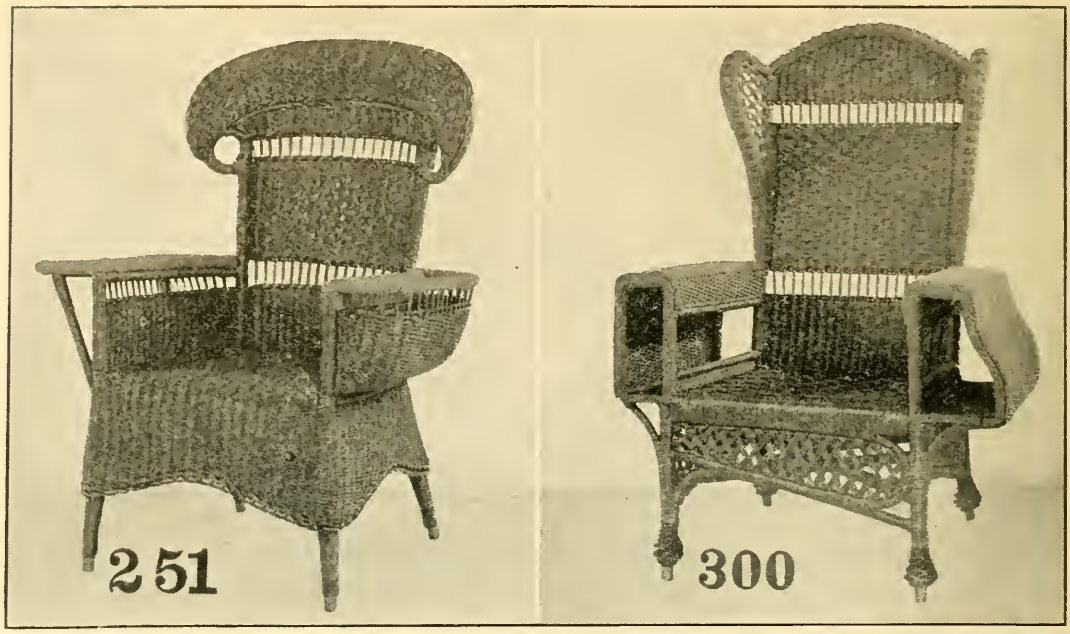

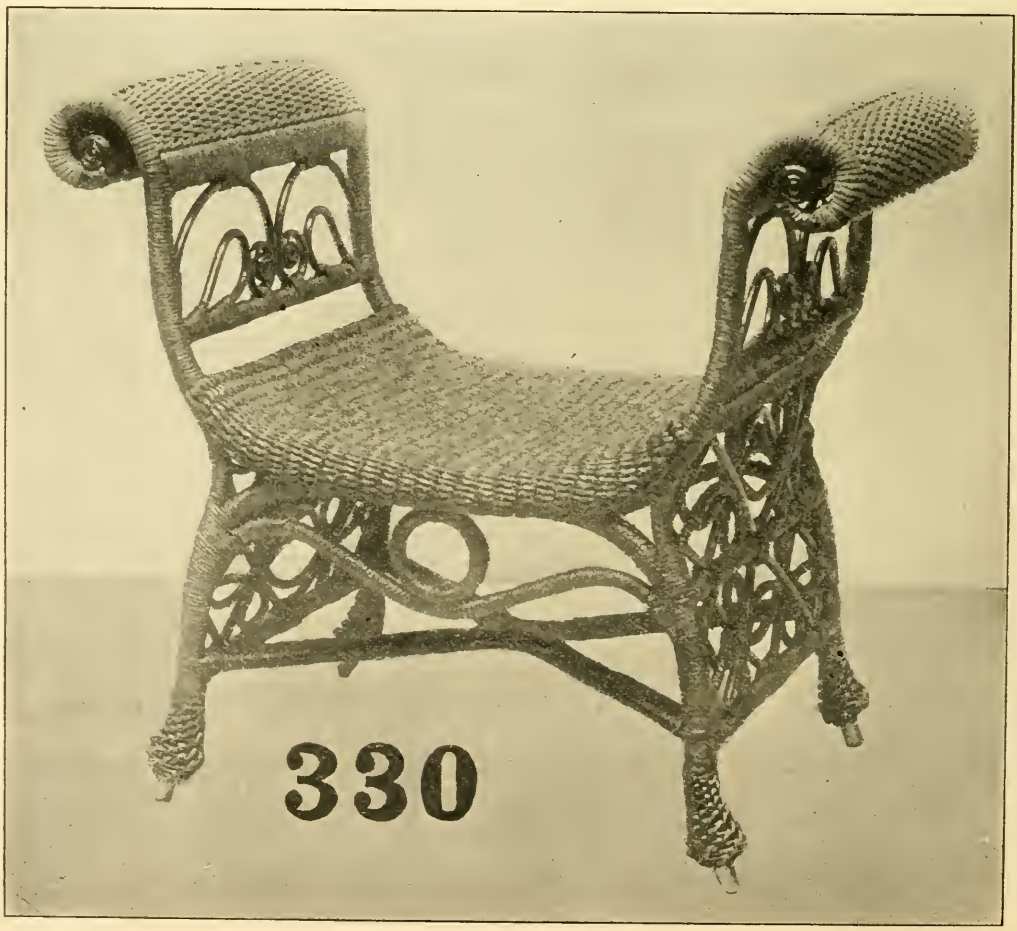

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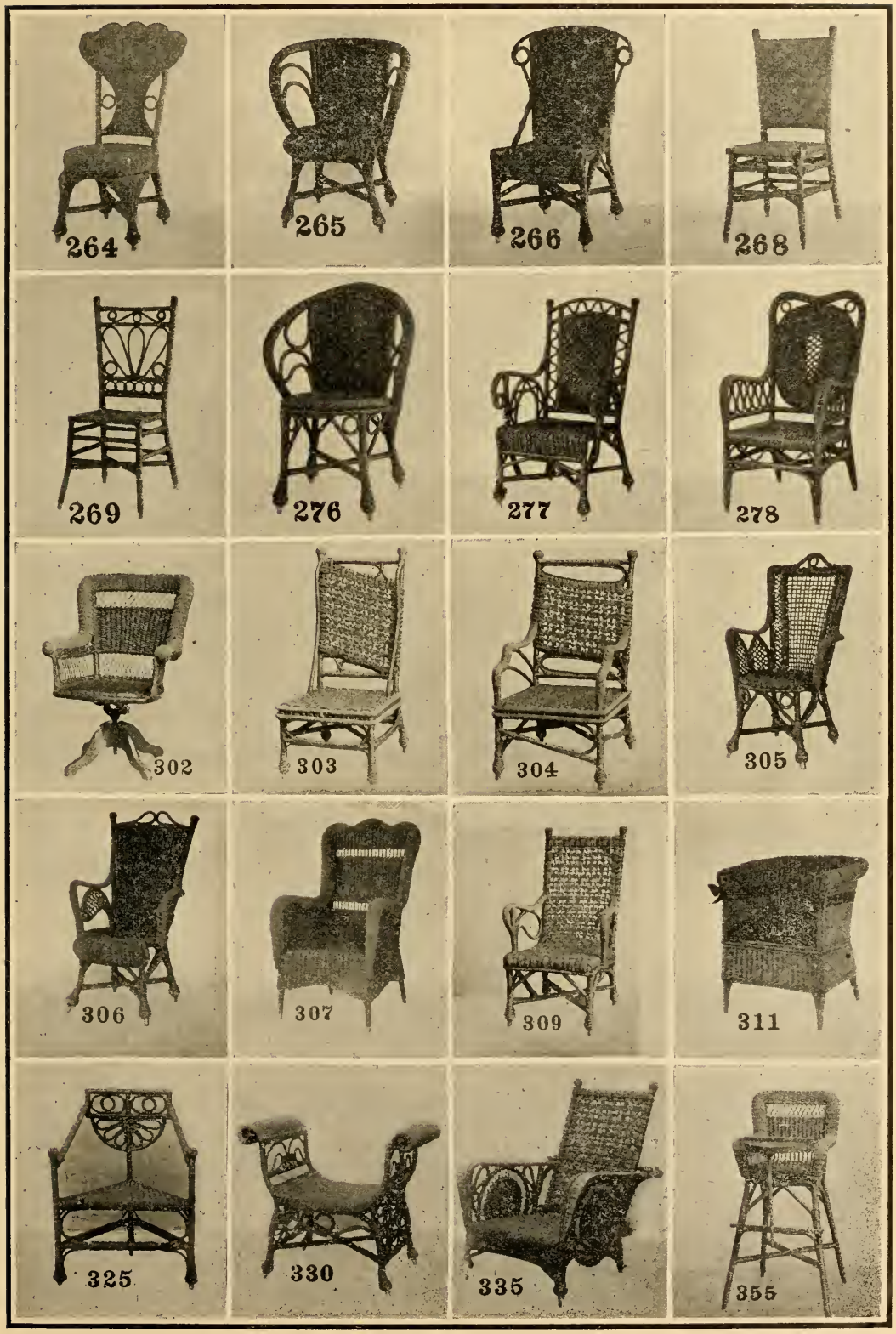

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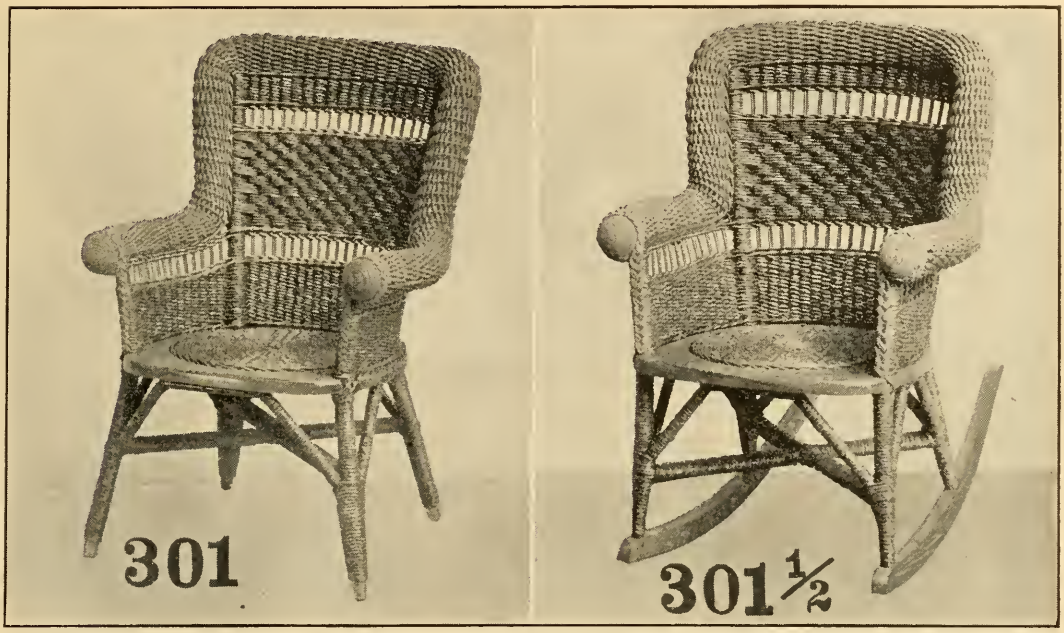

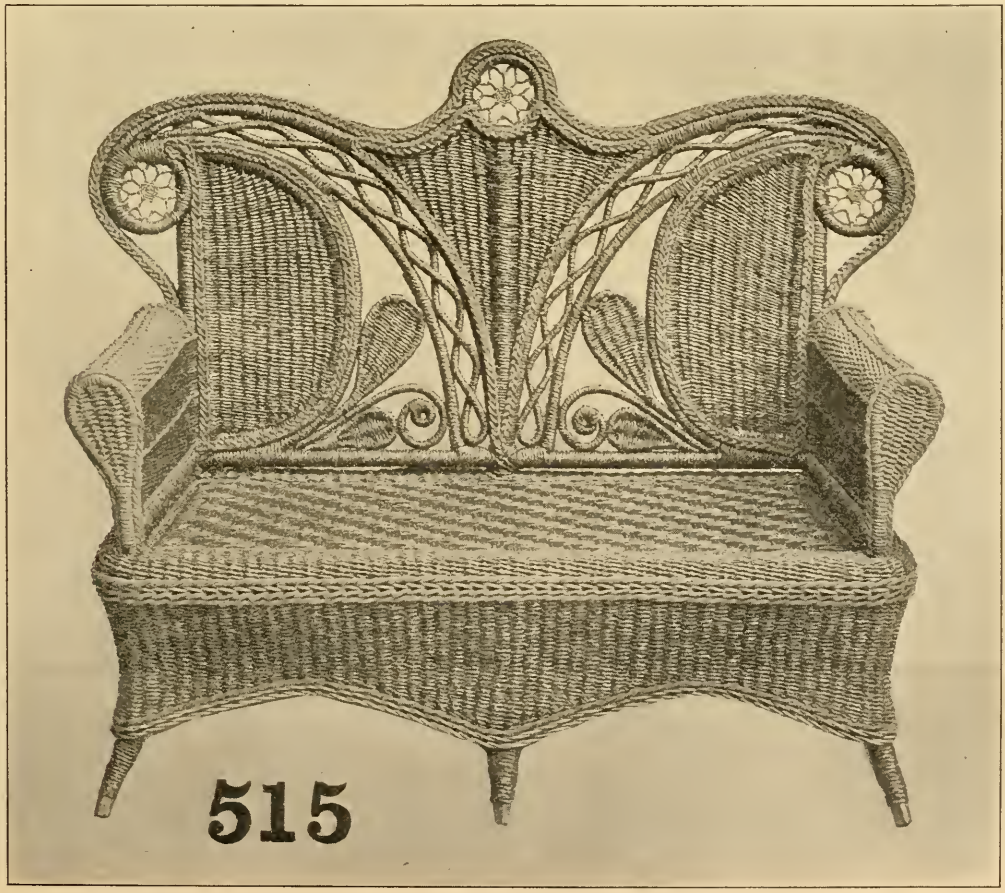

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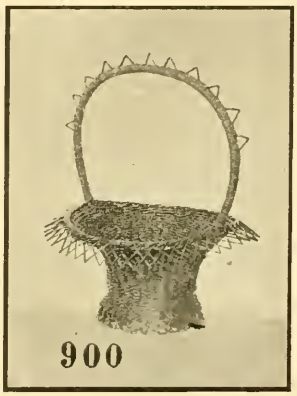
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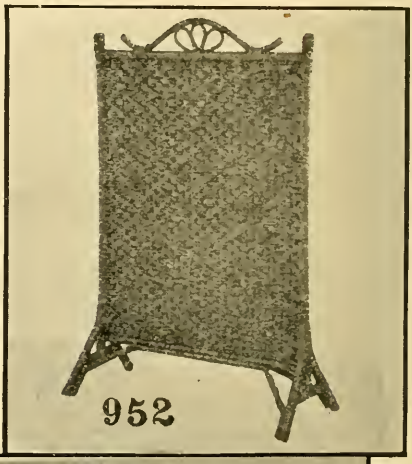
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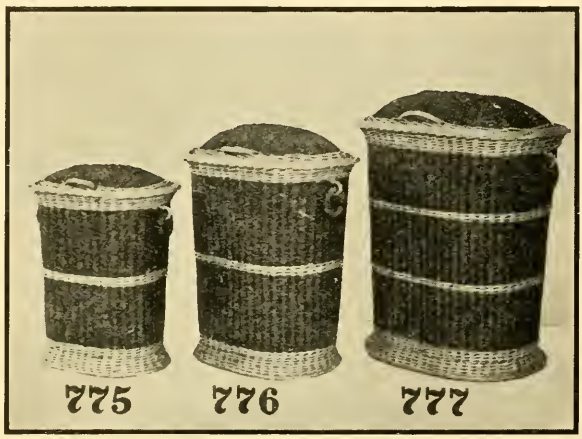
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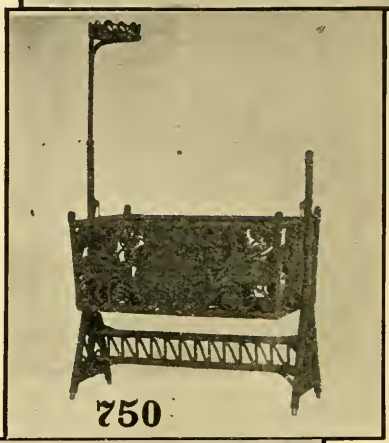
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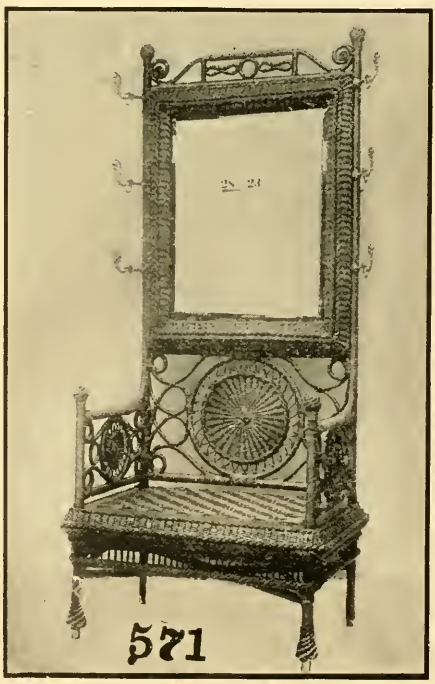
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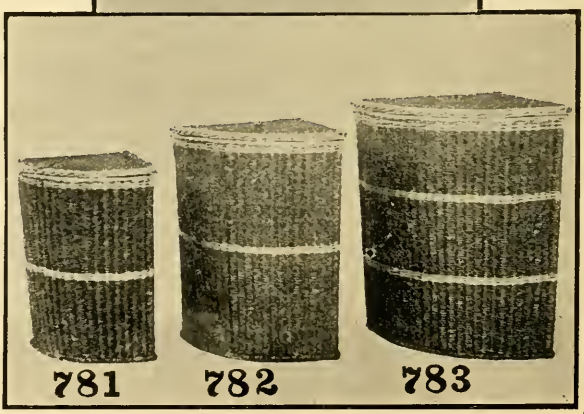
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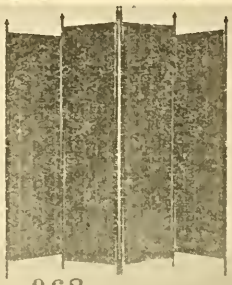

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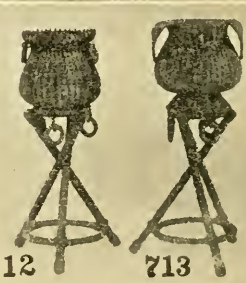

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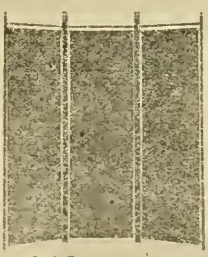

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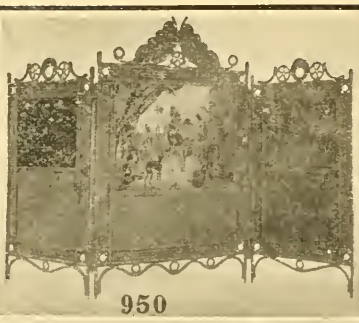
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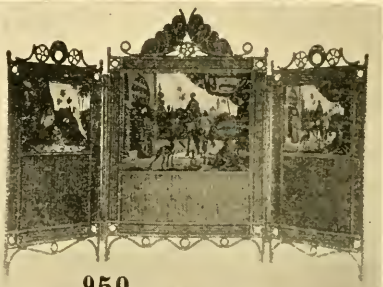
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